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1. SCIATT MET APRIL 17 WITH KAZAKOV (HYDROMET) AND MAKHMUDBEKOV (FROM TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM MINISTRY). KARAYEV HAS BEEN IN BAKU, AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN TO MOSCOW UNTIL APRIL 28.

2. HYDROMET HAS CONSIDERED QUESTION POSED IN DEMARCHE APRIL 6 (PARA THREE, REF. E) AND BELIEVES THAT PROJECT VI(1) CAN EFFECTIVELY BE SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS AS MENTIONED IN REF E. SOVIET SIDE WELCOMES BALSLEY AS NEW SUBCHAIRMAN CORRESPONDING TO KARAYEV. FURTHER, HYDROMET IS OF OPINION THAT FORMAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FEDOROV AND TRAIN IS NOT REPEAT NOT NECESSARY AND THAT MEMORANDUM NEED NOT BE AMENDED. HYDROMET SUGGESTS THAT SPLITTING OF PROJECT CAN MOST EFFECTIVELY BE ACCOMPLISHED IN PROTOCOL ARISING OUT OF DUBCHAK/ KARAYEV VISIT. THE NEW AREA AND THE NEW
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SUBCHAIRMEN CAN BE EXPLICITLY LISTED IN THAT PROTOCOL, THUS
DISPOSING OF REQUIREMENT OF OFFICIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBGROUP.

3. DUBCHAK' S GROUP OF THREE SOVIETS HEADED BY MOROZOV OF
MINISTRY OF MERCHANT MARINE, AND KARAYEV' S GROUP OF TWO SOVIETS
HEADED BY PELEVIN (REF B) WILL ARRIVE IN US TOGETHER ON MAY 13.
NEITHER DUBCHAK NOR KARAYEV WILL BE ACCOMPANYING. AS STATED IN
REF B, PELEVIN' S PARTY WILL REMAIN IN US FOR TEN DAYS. AS MATTERS
NOW STAND MOROZOV' S PARTY HAS OFFICIAL PERMISSION (THAT IS,
FUNDING) TO REMAIN IN US ONLY TEN DAYS ALSO, BUT THERE IS
REPORTEDLY FIFTY PERCENT CHANCE THAT FUNDING WILL BE INCREASED
TO ALLOW MOROZOV TO STAY IN US FOR ENTIRE FOURTEEN- DAY
PROGRAM (MAY 13-27) AS PLANNED.

4. MAKHMUDBEKOV APPROVES ONLY PARTIAL SEPARATION OF TWO GROUPS
DURING US VISIT AND AGREED THAT SOME VISITS WOULD NATURALLY BE OF
INTEREST TO BOTH GROUPS, AND COMPLETE SEPARATION WOULD NOT BE
NECESSARY, ESPECIALLY IN INTEREST OF IMPLEMENTING THESE
VISITS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE APPRECIATES ANY SPECIAL VISITS
THAT DR. BALSLEY WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR PELEVIN' S GROUP IN
THEIR SPECIAL FIELD OF INTEREST, HOWEVER, AND IS COUNTING ON SUCH
VISITS (REF C).

5. IF SPECIAL AIRCRAFT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, AS INDICATED IN
CAPTAIN WALLACE' S LETTERS OF MARCH 28 TO KARAYEV AND DUBCHAK,
SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO KNOW WHETHER OPEN AIR TICKETS FOR EITHER
GROUP WILL BE NECESSARY FOR INTERNAL US TRAVEL. IF NOT, DOES
THIS MEAN THAT BOTH GROUPS WILL, IN FACT, BE TRAVELING TOGETHER
ON SPECIAL AIRCRAFT AT ALL TIMES ON SAME PROGRAM. IF SO PLEASE
ADVISE WHAT TICKETING EITHER GROUP SHOULD HAVE IN ADVANCE OF
ARRIVAL.

6. SOVIET SIDE WOULD APPRECIATE PROGRAM FOR TWO GROUPS, EVEN IN
VERY PRELIMINARY FORM, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

7. SOVIET SIDE ALSO WISHES TO KNOW, FOR PLANNING PURPOSES,
WHETHER WALLACE AND BALSLEY WILL PAY RECIPROCAL VISITS TO USSR
LATER THIS YEAR IN COMPLETELY SEPARATE GROUPS OR WHETHER THEY,
TOO, INTEND TO COMBINE THEIR DELEGATION.

8. COMMUNICATION PROBLEM REPORTED IN REF C IS SUBJECT OF
SEPTEL.

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